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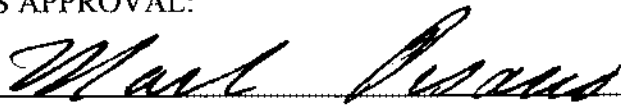
DATE: October 7, 2004

TO: Administrative Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Charles J. Wagner, Manager of Finance

SUBJECT: Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize SCAG to apply for \$1,808,849 in Transportation Planning Grant Applications grant funds which are competitively awarded by Caltrans.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, Caltrans solicits applications for the following categories of transportation planning grants:

- Partnership Planning – planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance. (\$1,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)
- Statewide Transit Planning Studies – transit studies of issues having statewide or multi-regional significance. (\$1,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)
- Transit Technical Planning Assistance – public and intermodal transportation planning studies in rural transit areas. (\$600,000 available statewide; grant cap \$80,000.)
- Transit Professionals Development – training and development of transit planning professionals and students. (\$400,000 available statewide; grant cap \$50,000.)
- Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning- projects that promote public participation to improve mobility, access, equity affordable housing, and economic opportunities. (\$1,500,000 available statewide; grant cap \$250,000.)
- Community-Based Transportation Planning – transportation and land use planning that promotes public participation and supports livable community concepts. (\$1,500,000 available statewide; grant cap \$250,000.)

On an annual basis, Caltrans solicits applications statewide from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) and other local government and non-profit entities engaged in regional planning activities. For many of these categories, SCAG as the MPO for this region, must be the applicant, with cities, counties, public agencies, non-profits and Native American Tribal Governments as sub-recipients. Each type of grant requires cash and/or in-kind local match, ranging from 11.47% to 20.00% of the total project value. The FY 2004-2005 OWP includes 11 previously awarded Transportation Planning Grants reflecting over \$1,000,000 in total grant funding.

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SCAG staff has reviewed applications submitted by sub-recipients for completeness and compliance with Caltrans requirements. Application requirements include the provision that projects must demonstrate consideration of the criteria found in the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas and State Planning Priorities. SCAG has ensured that each project includes funding for SCAG staff to perform the overall project monitoring and administrative tasks that stem from SCAG's required role as project applicant. Per Caltrans requirements, each project will also be included the draft SCAG FY 2005-2006 OWP that is required to be submitted to Caltrans in early 2005.

Attached is a listing of the project applications received by SCAG. All applications are recommended for submittal to Caltrans by the required deadline of October 15, 2004. The listing includes the project name, the grant type and amount, the required match, and the sub-recipient. Caltrans anticipates awarding projects by July 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

Awarded projects will provide additional funding to SCAG for administering the grant.



2005-2006 Transportation Planning Grant Applications

	Project Title	Total Project	Grant Funds	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Other	Source of Match	Actual Cash & In-Kind Match %	Type	Applicant/Co-Applicant
1	Commuter Rail Station Needs Assessment	348,937	300,000	33,037	15,900		OCTA, LACMTA, RCTC, SANBAG	0.1402	5313b	OCTA
2	South Bay I405/I-110 Corridor Improvement Planning Study	200,000	160,000	0	40,000		SBCCOG Cities	0.2000	Partnership Planning	South Bay COG
3	Commuter & Recreational Rail Service LA-Inland Empire-Coachella Valley	370,500	275,000	77,000	18,500		Tribe	0.2578	CBTP	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
4	N. LA Co Truck Study - Part II	125,000	100,000	0	25,000		NLACO Subregion	0.2000	Partnership Planning	City of Palmdale
5	Forrester Road Interregional Feasibility Study	85,976	68,849		17,127		IVAG	0.1992	Partnership Planning	IVAG
6	Transportation Planning Internship Program	68,000	50,000		18,000		City of LA Prop. C	0.2647	5313b	City of LA
7	Involving Leaders and Residents of Native American Reservations	150,000	135,000	7,500	7,500		Torres-Martinez Tribe	0.1000	EJ	SCAG/Torres-Martinez Band
8	Downtown LA Freeway System Study	750,000	300,000	250,000	50,000	150,000	City of LA, MTA, Local Prop C	0.4000	Partnership Planning	City of LA
9	City of San Bernardino Transportation System Study and Database Development	218,750	175,000		43,750		City of San Bernardino	0.2000	Partnership Planning	City of San Bernardino
10	Develop and Implement a Training and Education Program for Transit Professionals/Interns	50,830	45,000		5,830		City of San Bernardino	0.1147	5313B	City of San Bernardino
11	Rising Stars in Transit-Internships for University	60,000	50,000		10,000		RCTC	0.1667	5313B	RCTC
12	Performance Measures Application Handbook/Guidelines	187,500	150,000		37,500		Local Funds	0.2000	Partnership Planning	SCAG
Total		\$2,615,493	\$1,808,849	\$367,537	\$289,107	\$150,000				

Notes:

Actual match shown - may be higher than required minimum match

SP&R requires minimum 20% match

5313b requires minimum 11.47% match

EJ requires 10% match - half must be cash

CBTP requires 20% match - half must be cash

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